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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Title: INHIBITOR AND ACTIVATOR FOR COUPLING  
FACTOR-6 AND USE THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO BE ENTERED PRIOR  
TO CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment of the subject  
application prior to calculation of the filing fee of this application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the below  
paragraphs.

**Page 1, paragraph starting at line 5**

This invention relates to diagnostic methods and a diagnostic aid for  
judging the onset and progress of diseases associated with a change in the  
coupling factor (CF6) level in the blood, diseases in association with the excess or  
shortage of PGI<sub>2</sub> or diseases associated with the accentuation or attenuation of  
cPLA<sub>2</sub> function, which may be referred to as cPLA<sub>2</sub> hyperfunction or cPLA<sub>2</sub>